UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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: Mag. No. 14-3091 (JBC)

JASON NOVELLO

I, Carrie Brzezinski, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

Continued on the attached page and made a part hereof.

Special Carrie Brzezinski

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, May 2, 2014 in Newark, New Jersey

HONORABLE JAMES B. CLARK, III UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Signarure of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

On or about May 1, 2014, in Middlesex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant Jason Novello, did, by intimidation, knowingly take from the person and presence of others, namely employees of Rahway Savings Institute, approximately \$4,631 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of the Rahway Savings Institute, a bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) and Section 2.

ATTACHMENT B

- I, Carrie Brzezinski, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.
- 1. On or about May 1, 2014, at approximately 9:05 a.m., Rahway Savings Institute (the "Bank"), located in Colonia, New Jersey, a bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, was robbed of approximately \$4,631 of United States currency.
- 2. According to witnesses, a Caucasian male approached a bank teller and held up a note to the teller. The note stated that the robber had a gun and demanded money. The teller complied with the note by handing the robber approximately \$4,631 in cash. The cash included two bait bills, which are bills whose serial numbers are pre-recorded by the Bank. The robber then exited the front door of the bank.
- 3. A bank employee followed the robber out of the bank and observed him get into the driver's side of a blue Hyundai Elantra with New Jersey license plate number K30DKR (the "Hyundai") and drive away.
- 4. Law enforcement's investigation revealed that the Hyundai was registered to a residence in Elizabeth, New Jersey (the "Residence"). Law enforcement officers set up surveillance at the Residence and observed a man, later identified as Jason Novello ("NOVELLO"), drive the Hyundai towards the Residence. Law enforcement officers stopped the Hyundai and arrested NOVELLO shortly thereafter. A search incident to arrest revealed \$4,442 in cash, including both of the bait bills taken during the robbery. A review of the Bank surveillance video shows that NOVELLO was wearing the same clothes in the Bank as he was when he was arrested.

5. While in custody and after being advised of his Miranda rights, NOVELLO admitted to robbing the Bank. He further admitted to committing eight other bank robberies:

Date	Bank
August 30, 2013	Investors Savings Bank located in Elizabeth, New Jersey
October 30, 2013	Investors Savings Bank located in Elizabeth, New Jersey
December 7, 2013	PNC Bank located in Fanwood, New Jersey
January 25, 2014	Capital One Bank located in North Plainfield, New Jersey
March 1, 2014	PNC Bank located in Edison, New Jersey
March 8, 2014	Capital One Bank located in Iselin, New Jersey
March 22, 2014	Rahway Savings Institute located in Colonia, New Jersey
April 28, 2014	PNC Bank located in Scotch Plains, New Jersey